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DISASTROUS FIRE AT TAIKOKTSUI

**Karens
Agree To
Surrender**

**FIGHTING ENDS
AT INSEIN**

Rangoon, Apr. 5.—Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the fighting Karen tribesmen who have been in revolt against the Government since the end of January, went to Rangoon under protective escort today to sign surrender terms, a pro-Government report stated.

A cease-fire was ordered at Insein, a Karen-held railway town 10 miles north of Rangoon, after Saw Ba U Gyi's unconditional surrender offer, the report added. The tribesmen took over the town on February 2 and have fought off repeated Government attacks.

Last month, the Government offered an amnesty to the Karens—Burma's largest minority—if they stopped fighting by April 1.

In a nationwide broadcast to-night, the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, promised that elections would be held within a month if the insurrections stopped immediately. Besides the Karens, Government troops are fighting the Communists, the Mons tribesmen and the "White Band" members of the People's Volunteer Organisation.

The Premier said he refused to "acquiesce to political blackmail who attempt to wrest power by force."—Reuter.

CABINET CHANGES

Rangoon, April 5.—Lieut. General Ne Win, Commander-in-Chief of Burma's armed forces, yesterday became Burma's Deputy Prime Minister, it was officially announced.

He will also be in charge of Defence and Home Affairs. The Portfolio of Foreign Affairs passes into the hands of another new Cabinet Minister, Supreme Court Judge Lee Maung, who is also in charge of Judicial, Rehabilitation, Health and Rural Administration.

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**Over 50 Buildings
Destroyed**

SQUATTERS' HUTS AND SMALL FACTORIES

Over 50 structures, including squatters' huts and small wooden factories were destroyed today in a disastrous early morning blaze at Taikoktsui, in the vicinity of the Cosmopolitan Docks.

One Chinese was slightly injured and was sent to the Kowloon Hospital, but there was no loss of life.

The fire was in a confined area, densely populated with squatters, and with a profusion of miscellaneous factories containing rubber, hydrochloric acid, and printing ink all of which contributed to the rapidity with which the flames spread.

Scattered at intervals between the factories were timber yards and places for the storage of lime and other goods of a dangerous nature. A small cracker shop was completely destroyed.

The area involved comprised about 400 feet by 600 feet and was situated along Boundary Street, between the Tong Mei Dockyard and the Cosmopolitan Dockyard.

Shortly after 5.30 o'clock fire broke out near the Tong Mei Market and soon became a raging inferno which could be seen for miles around.

BLAZE SPREADS

First call for assistance was received by the Mongkok Fire Station which dispatched appliances immediately. Divisional Officer Seymour and the "third alarm" indicating that the outbreak was severe and spreading, was sent through to the Terminus Fire Station, Kowloon. Under Divisional Officer Li Tiplady, an appliance was sent to the scene of the fire. Close to the centre of the outbreak were the Kin Tack machinery factory and the Wah

Hing Lung machinery shop, while at the far end the Yan Kee metal works factory and the Hongkong Shipyard Limited were threatened with flames for several hours.

Fanned by a strong easterly wind the flames were carried from structure to structure with loud crackling sounds emanating as the Police rushed into the ways to make sure that there were no people about.

The Fire Brigade were hampered in their work by the fact that the lanes, some of them very muddy, were too narrow for appliances to get to the front of the fire. Assisting the Brigade were the No. 2 fireboat which ran its hoses through the Hongkong Shipyard.

BOY SCOUTS ASSIST

Several Chinese Boy Scouts in uniform also helped, while a group of about twelve foks playing a set of extinguishers onto an oil factory as the flames came steadily towards it. These combined fire fighting efforts prevented the blaze from developing into more serious proportions.

Mass evacuation was soon under way, men, women and children rushing to and fro with their belongings amid much excitement, while foks worked feverishly to retrieve printing machinery and drums of wood oil.

Clogs scattered here and there were clear indications of the

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Mildred E. (Axis Sally) Gillars walks from Federal district court in Washington after being sentenced to 10 to 30 years in prison for treason. Judge Edward M. Curran also fined her \$10,000.—AP Picture.

CHINA PEACE TALKS DEADLOCKED

Nanking, Apr. 6.—The peace negotiations between the Communists and Nationalists, which started yesterday, were deadlocked today after the Reds handed out a new demand that a satisfactory solution of the student-soldier clash in Nanking on Friday must be reached before any talks would be resumed.

The official Central Daily News, reporting on the negotiations, said that Liu Chung-hua, one of the four members of the government delegation who made a sudden return to Nanking late yesterday, reported to Premier Ho Ying-chin that the Communists broke off the talks and refused to meet the government peace delegates again until the Nanking government could announce a settlement, in which leaders of the soldiers responsible for the clash are properly punished.

The clash occurred on the day that the peace talks opened when students marching towards the Presidential office encountered a group of dejected soldiers. A fight broke out when the soldiers were angered by the students' chanting of Communist songs and slogans dancing in the streets. One student was fatally injured and more than 60 others suffered various degrees of injury.

Premier Ho Ying-chin was reported to have cabled General Chang Chih-chung, chairman of the delegation, for a full report of the Red demand regarding the clash. There was no information here on what kind of a settlement the Reds were demanding regarding the subject.

DELEGATES RETURN

Four members of the government peace delegation returned unexpectedly from Peking to Nanking secretly late yesterday and Premier Ho Ying-chin shortly after paid a call at the residence of Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

All signs pointed to some development of extreme importance but responsible official sources, approached for information, replied that they were instructed not to talk.

One source, however, revealed that one of the four returned was Liu Chung-hua, adviser to the delegation.

The other three members were not identified, but were believed to be secretaries of the delegation.

There was no confirmation of the purpose of their flight back to Nanking, but it was believed either for consultation on certain important phases of the negotiations or else brought possible new Communist demands.

A responsible source said the return of the four members was not a pre-arranged plan.

NO INKLING

There was no inkling of the subject discussed when the Premier called on the Acting President.

This development occurred almost an hour after the Chinese Communist radio let loose another blast at the Nanking government, in which was included Chang Chih-chung, chairman of the peace delegation now in Peking. The broadcast said, "The Nanking Li Tsung-jen-Ho Ying-chin government, including its Chang Chih-chung delegation, is essentially a mixed composition" following two policies—"Standing closer to the Chiang Kai-shek war criminal bloc and their master, American imperialism" on one hand and on the other "vacillating its crossroads without a clear direction. They want to have dealings with both sides and get along with both sides."—United Press.

Manchester, April, 5.—John Russell Scott, Governing Director and Chairman of the Manchester Guardian and Evening News, Limited, died yesterday. He was 60.—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS MASSING TROOPS IN POLAND

**May Be Preparing
To Attack West**

Washington, Apr. 5.—Two recently escaped Polish officials said today that Russia has massed more than 300,000 troops in Poland for an attack on the West "which may come this year." The two Poles were presented at a press conference by the former Vice-Premier, Stanislaw Mikolajczyk. They said that Russia has been intensifying military preparations in Poland in the past six months.

They said that the Soviet troops in Poland six months ago totalled 300,000 and have been "increased considerably" since.

**10,000
Chinese Reds
Threaten
Indo-China**

Hanoi, Apr. 5.—Some 10,000 uniformed and well-armed Chinese Communists are massed on the northern frontier of Indo-China awaiting the order to attack French positions, a highly qualified French source said yesterday.

These Communist forces include 10 battalions in the Luoyang-Hoangsuph sector on the Northwest frontier and 16 battalions on the Northeastern border between Langson and Moncay, the scene of a recent "feeling out" assault by the Chinese.

This source revealed that the French High Command expects a "strong strike" at any moment in the Northeastern section where the Chinese are more numerous and where they can count on the support of Communist cells among the local population.

All these Chinese troops are under the command of Communist General Tchou Kia-pli, Commander of the Yunnan and Kwangsi regions, according to this source.

Two Chinese Communist regiments—the 20th and the 21st—are concentrated in the region of Moncay, according to intelligence reports. Recent attacks on Moncay were led by two battalions from the 20th regiment said to be commanded by Colonel Sam Ong Diow.

This source said the Chinese Communist troops were wearing khaki and helmets bearing a red star.

TONKIN SITUATION

The situation of French forces in Tonkin—the Northern section of Indo-China—was described as "unfavourable" because of the lack of manpower. This has forced French troops to go on the defensive against attacks by the rebel Viet Minh-Indo-Chinese Nationalist forces.

This source said that unless an "urgent remedy" was applied, the position of these French troops could become "perilous."

French sources said that a week ago the commander of the Chinese Nationalist Ninth regiment stationed at Tongking, a Chinese town facing Moncay, sent a message to French officials admitting he was unable to prevent Communists from passing through his lines to attack the French.

Informed French military sources predict a joint assault by the Chinese Communists from the North coupled with Viet Minh guerrillas from the rear on French posts.—Associated Press.

Girl Quads Born

Colombo, Apr. 5.—Quadruplets, all girls, were born to 25-year-old Mrs. A. W. Martin, wife of a labourer, in the Kandy Civil Hospital today, according to the Ceylon Observer. The weights of the children ranged from two pounds 12 ounces to three pounds five ounces. The mother was reported in good health.—Reuter.

Fewer People Dying

Geneva, Apr. 5.—The United Nations World Health Organisation today reported that deaths throughout the world reached a record low in 1947 and added that the 1948 figures will show another decline. It said that all but three European countries which submitted data had a lower death rate in 1947 than in the 1937-38 period. The Netherlands had the lowest death rate in the world—only 8.1 per 1,000 in 1947.—United Press.

ELECTION DEFEAT FOR LABOUR

Conservatives' Claim

London, Apr. 5.—Conservative Party Headquarters today claimed sweeping victories in the first round of the County Council elections.

Seven counties in England and Wales voted yesterday for new county governments, 14 were voting today and 41 other counties will ballot through the remainder of this week. A Tory spokesman said Conservative gains yesterday pointed to a triumph for Mr. Winston Churchill's Party in the general Parliamentary elections next year.

"It is impossible to separate the county elections from the general elections because the same voting register is used," he said.

LATEST TREND

Latest returns showed the Conservatives had increased their control in five counties which they held before the elections but had not dislodged the Labourites from control of two other counties—both located in Welsh industrial districts.

Final results in six out of seven counties showed that the Conservatives won 35 additional seats while Labour lost six seats and other Parties lost 29 seats. Labour Party Headquarters reported earlier today that it had suffered a net loss of 13 seats.

The Conservatives claimed Labour had a net loss of 16 seats compared with the Conservatives' net gain of 28 seats.—United Press.



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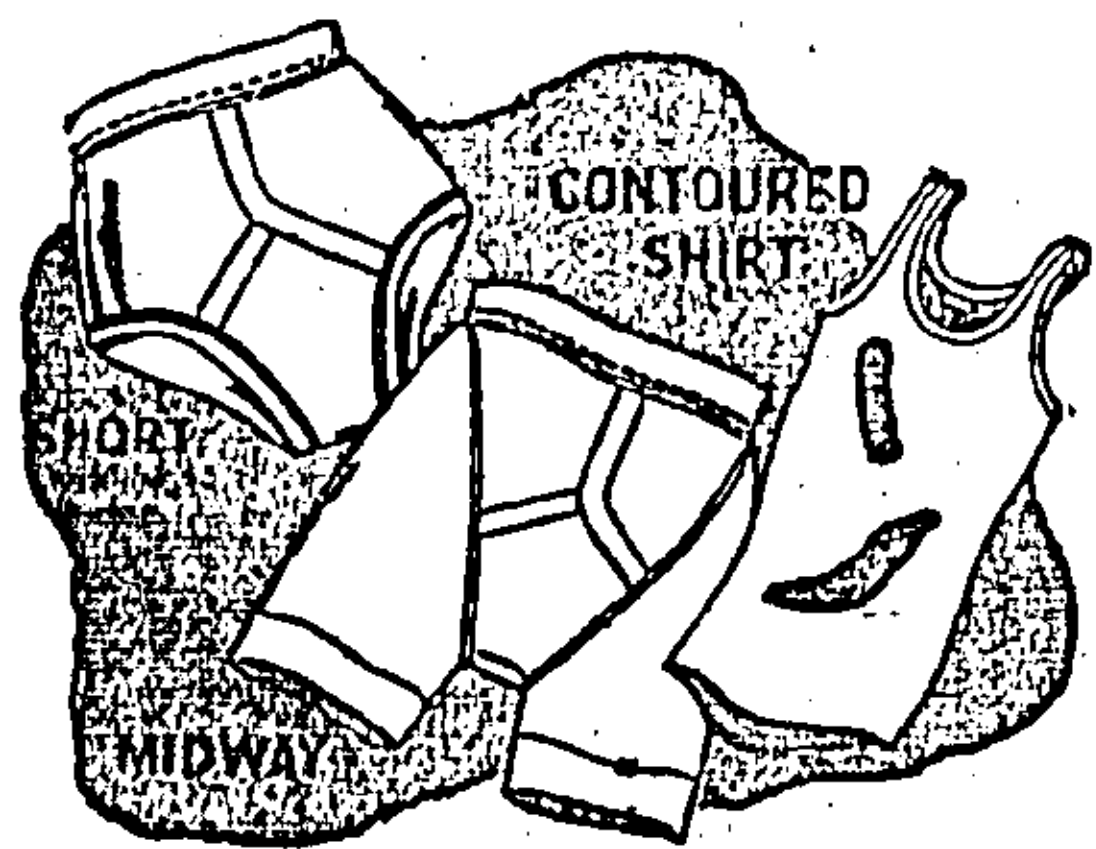
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Brilliant Afternoon



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THAT incredibly tough and resilient thin taffeta called "paper", although it is pure silk, makes this afternoon frock, one of a demure and colourful series which has the Maria Krum imprint this season. The frock floats like chiffon, keeps a crisp silhouette as only taffeta can, and in this model, lends itself to the late afternoon gala, such as wedding or debutante tea, with a garden hat, and will do as well for the roof dinner on the Sunday luncheon in the country.

The colours in this particular taffeta combine fuchsia, bottle green and bright yellow in an overlaid for yellow chartreuse. The checks are so tiny that the effect at a distance is of a rosy sulphur tone. The guimpe is white mousseline de soie.

GOOD POSTURE IS A HEALTH ASSET

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

GOOD posture is not only an aid to beauty but a positive health asset. In other words, if you indulge in slumping you will eventually pay a price for it—and a painful one, because one of the penalties usually exacted is backache.

Of course, backache may result from other causes but by far the most common type of low back pain is due to nothing more than a long-continued habit of faulty standing or sitting.

When a person stands correctly—head high, chest in, shoulders back, abdomen flat—his body is perfectly balanced, and poised for action. Very little effort is required to keep it in the upright position. But suppose the abdomen sags, the chest is flattened, the shoulders hunched, and the back swayed inward. Then everything is thrown out of alignment and normal body balance is upset. In order to maintain the erect position, undue strain is placed on the muscles and ligaments which support the spine. Long-term result of such strain is pain in the lower part of the back where the stress is greatest.

Mechanical Backache

This type of backache is known as mechanical backache because it is due to a disturbance of the factors which upset normal body balance. Other things which may contribute to it are relaxed abdominal muscles, overweight, and weak back muscles. Certain individuals suffer from this same sort of pain because one leg is shorter than the other. In these cases strain on the back muscles is increased by a tilting of the hips.

The same things which produce a mechanical backache may also play a part in inflammation of the connecting

tissues or fibrositis, arthritis, or inflammation of the joints in the spine, or similar conditions.

Women are the chief victims of mechanical backache, possibly due to the frequency in women of poor posture and weak muscles.

To make a diagnosis of mechanical backache, a thorough study is required, including X-rays of the spine and a careful physical examination.

In mechanical backache, the pain comes on gradually. It may be limited to the lower part of the back, but sometimes the patient complains of pain and discomfort over the entire lower back extending into the buttocks. The pain does not pass into the legs.

Present For Years

The disturbance is usually present for many years. The patient is not incapacitated since the pain, as a rule, is not severe. The pain is made worse by activity, and relieved by rest. Standing and sitting for long periods may increase the discomfort.

Once the diagnosis is made, treatment properly carried out will relieve the symptoms.

The patient with mechanical backache should sleep on a firm bed, using a piece of plywood between the mattress and springs. Heat will aid in relaxing the back muscles and stimulate circulation. Hot tub baths are satisfactory. An infra-red lamp or a heating pad may be used. Massage is helpful. Certain exercises, carried out regularly, will also be of great benefit. A supporting corset or belt may be worn if the abdominal muscles are weak and if the patient is overweight.

EXPERT STUDIES MUSEUM WORK WITH CHILDREN

By MILLICENT TAYLOR

Boston. miniature, choosing the occupants from figures dressed in costume, and the fireplace, chairs, beds and tables from a jumble of miniature objects. Another comment I picked out of Geoffrey's curator was that we in our museums might well guard against being too diffuse in our activities. Having hobby groups and other attractions for children may be fine, but they should be related to or grow out of what is in the museum exhibits, this expert stressed. We need to offer what is there PLUS," Mrs. Harrison said, "but not too much PLUS," she had visited a museum in one city which was giving courses in Spanish, she said, and this seemed rather far afield. "We museum people should not do things that can be done better elsewhere," she explained.

Mrs. Harrison came to the United States as a guest of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, a museum doing outstanding work with children. Her brief stay in Boston was largely divided between the Museum of Fine Arts and the Children's Museum.

Educational Work

"THE idea of the children's sector is to foster educational work in museums," she told me. "We hope to encourage museums to play a part in international understanding through such activities as staging national exhibits, teaching children through games and other ways to understand and enjoy the museum treasures, and through correspondence and interchange of information between museums. When we meet in London in 1950 there will be a pooling of ideas and experiences."

The "children's museum" familiar to many American cities is wholly an American idea, Mrs. Harrison said. The museums being studied by ICOM and its children's sector are for the most part general ones, for adults as well as for children. Many of these adult museums have a programme of activities with children, however. Even as we talked, children trooped past us through the echoing halls of Boston's Art Museum, chattering happily with the guards. Saturday morning they fairly take over, with painting and modelling classes all over the place. British and American museums have been active for some time in interesting children, Mrs. Harrison said. Both have a system of loan schemes to the schools, and arrange for school groups visiting the museum. Children's painting classes and hobby groups are also familiar to both countries. Games are found chiefly in the Children's Museums in the United States. The Geoffrey is a museum for all ages.

Museum Games

"I was a little disappointed in your games," Mrs. Harrison confessed and added quickly that she didn't mean to criticize. Pleased, however, she commented that the games she had seen in American museums tend to stress memory work rather than initiative and originality. I recalled that one of the Geoffrey Museum games was to furnish period rooms in

HOUSEHOLD HINT

If you are an amateur at laundering, it is safer not to mix your coloured clothes with white ones. Nor one colour with another, until you are sure there will be no colour running of the dyes. It is best to test samples before buying coloured materials that are not guaranteed colour fast; or, if you have purchased unguaranteed material, test a small portion before you put it with other clothes.

Chic Turban



By ALICE ALDEN

IT TAKES A definitely daff millinery stars. This one is a hand to drape a silk jersey hat that is always good when-turban. And that is the happy over worn. It is a draped possession of Baroness Rad-vanvazky, newest addition to for resort wear now and for New York galaxy of bright town later.

Keep an Eye on Your Neck



For a lovely throat line: Line chin strap with cotton that has been saturated with water then astringent. Leave the chin strap on twenty minutes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you keep an eye on your neck or are you just trusting to luck that it will get along all right by itself? Well, it just won't. Neglect it and it will get even with you. It may become discoloured or fiddle strings may appear—yes, you don't have to be old to get them.

A pouch under the chin is more damning than the record in the family bible; that can come early if one partakes too freely of the good things of the table, neglects the nightly tapping and creaming.

Remember, you can't hide your beauty creases in the cupboard or a dresser drawer; they are right there for everyone to see. So attend to your good looks tasks without fail. Tap your chin and neck with the back of your hands after you have creamed your face before going to bed. Use also an upward and outward movement with the finger tips.

Cold water will help to keep the fibres firm. If you use soap and water at night, it won't be necessary to slather lather on your face in the morning. Rinse briskly with cold water, then apply an astringent.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN



Vitamin-Packed Sauerkraut

"TRY this new salad, Madame, my latest invention," said the Chef, placing before me an enticing looking plate containing a generous-sized mound of what appeared to be a form of potato salad, nestled in lettuce and garnished with sliced carrot and pickle relish.

I tasted, forkful. "Potato salad made with sauerkraut!" I exclaimed. The Chef beamed. "You can serve it as a hot or cold salad, or as an appetizer; and I suppose you will say that it contains plenty of vitamins," he added. "Oh, yes, the sauerkraut contains a high percentage of Vitamin C, and in addition appreciable amounts of all the known vitamins and many minerals. Sauerkraut really should be regularly on a marketing list," I observed. "It's about 1 lb. or until the eggplant is tender. Fifteen minutes before the dish will be done, remove the cover and brown the top. If desired 1/4 c. grated sharp Cheddar cheese may be sprinkled over before browning."

"In France one of our most popular dishes is choucroute garnie or what you call garnished sauerkraut," said the Chef. "I heat the sauerkraut and sometimes we add a few bits of crisp cooked bacon, or a little cranberry seed. We serve this on a deep platter, and garnish it with a few slices of heated tongue, or ham, or sausages, and we surround it with parried potatoes and quarters of cooked carrots. A very substantial dinner dish."

Dinner

Sauerkraut Potato-Meat Salad
Eggplant Casserole
Quick Nut and Raisin Bread
Butter or Margarine
Peach-Gel
Soft Custard
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Sauerkraut Potato-Meat Salad
Small, slice 4 warm cooked white potatoes. Add 1/2 c. French dressing, 2 tbsp. finely grated onion or minced scallions with the green tops, and 1 tsp. parsley. Then with a fork stir in 1 c. well-drained sliced sauerkraut, 1/2 c. sliced celery, or firm portion cucumber, 3/4 c. fine-diced chilled flaked luncheon meat or minced ham, 2 sliced cooked carrots, and 2 sliced dressing to blend. Chill; pack

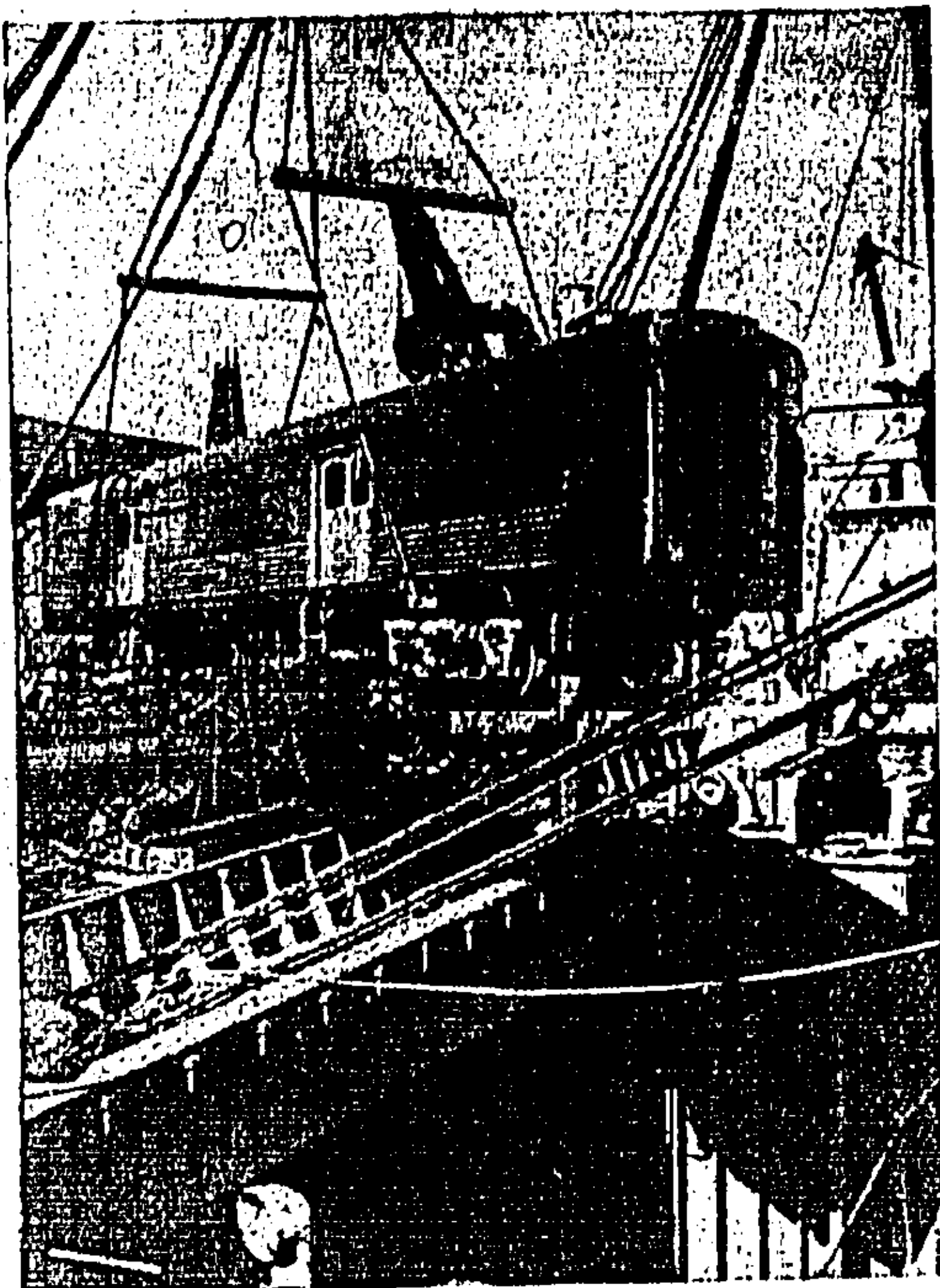
Nut and Raisin Bread

Sift together 4 c. all-purpose flour, 4 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. sugar. Add 2/3 c. coarse-chopped nuts, any kind, and 1/2 c. coarse-chopped raisins. Beat 2 eggs light. Add 2 c. milk and stir into the first mixture. Add 1/4 c. melted shortening and mix lightly. Do not beat. Transfer to 1 large or 2 small oiled bread pans, making the mixture higher at the edges than in the centre; bake 45 to 50 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Cool before using. If wrapped in waxed paper and stored in a bread box or the refrigerator, this bread will keep moist for several days.

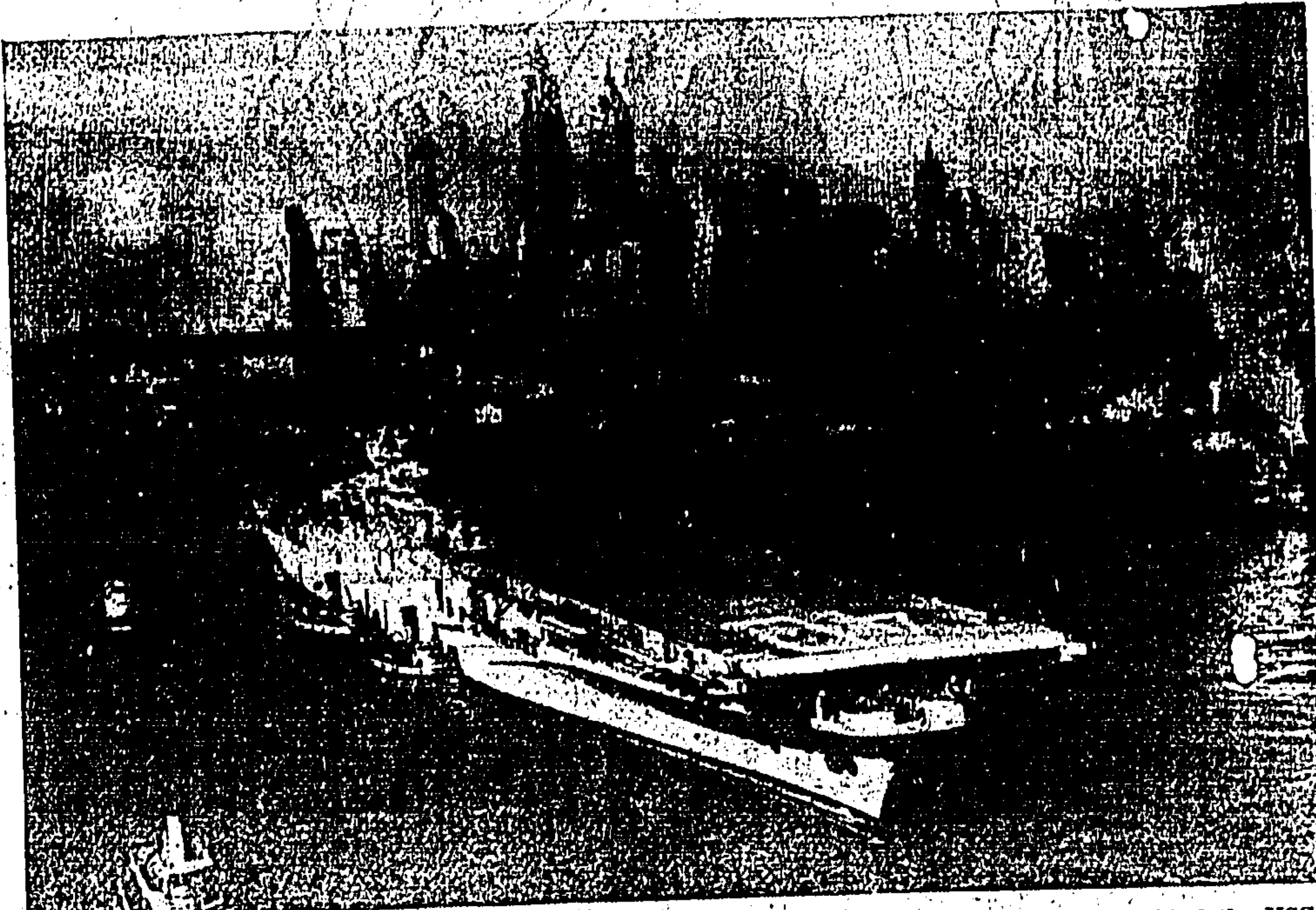
Peach-Gel

Add 1 (1 envelope) unflavoured gelatin to 1/2 c. cold fruit juice, any kind. Stir in 1/4 c. heated fruit juice, any kind. Add 1/2 tsp. lemon or lime juice, 1/3 c. sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Chill until beginning to thicken. Meanwhile, peel and stone 2 medium-sized ripe peaches. Place cut side down in a square layer cake pan 8" x 8", previously rinsed with cold water and sprinkled with 1/2 tsp. granulated sugar. Carefully spoon the gelatin over the peaches, chill and cut in squares with a peach half in each. Four soft custard around.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HEADING FOR SOUTH AMERICA—Being loaded aboard the ss Belgeane in Philadelphia is one of 23 stainless steel railway carriages for use on Brazil's largest railway.



THE LAST ROUNDUP—Brooklyn Bridge and the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan loom behind the USS Tarawa as the 27,000-ton carrier moves up the East River towards the naval shipyard. Already stripped of her radar, the Tarawa, which recently visited Hongkong, is to go into "suspended animation."



BOWS AND ARROWS—Since archery has become such a popular sport, film star Gene Tierney decided to learn something about it. While spending a winter holiday in Key West, Florida, she took lessons from expert Henry Brent.



LARGE AND SMALL—Sybil Jepson examines two pieces of quartz crystal which were on show at the Institute of Radio Engineers' Show in New York's Grand Central Palace. Quartz crystal is widely used in the electronics industry.



INTERNATIONAL—Inspecting the San Francisco City Hall are some of the delegates who attended the 18th annual convention of the Young Women's Christian Association in the city. The 2,000 delegates were from all over the world.



DESERT DRESS—This hand-knitted sweater and wool skirt modelled in Phoenix, Arizona, is just right for cool nights. It is topped with a white straw sailor hat.



GI INSPECTION IN GERMANY—Laid out for inspection in Augsburg, Germany, is the equipment carried in an M-24 tank. The US Army Constabulary in Germany has been reorganised and built up to the strength of a powerful armoured division. It is equipped with 46 and 20-ton tanks.



SETTLERS—The Bodnar family, from Sanok, Poland, was the largest family group among the displaced persons to arrive in New York aboard the Marine Flasher. Sponsored by the Ukrainian-American Relief Committee, they plan to settle in Maryland. Bodnar was forced by the Nazis to leave Poland and work on a farm in Bavaria during the war.



FROM THE PAST—These animals, one of many breeds which once roamed the European plains and, in some cases, were wiped out more than three centuries ago, live again in the Munich Zoo. Famous naturalist Heinrich Heck has, through breeding, restored these ancestors of the cow.

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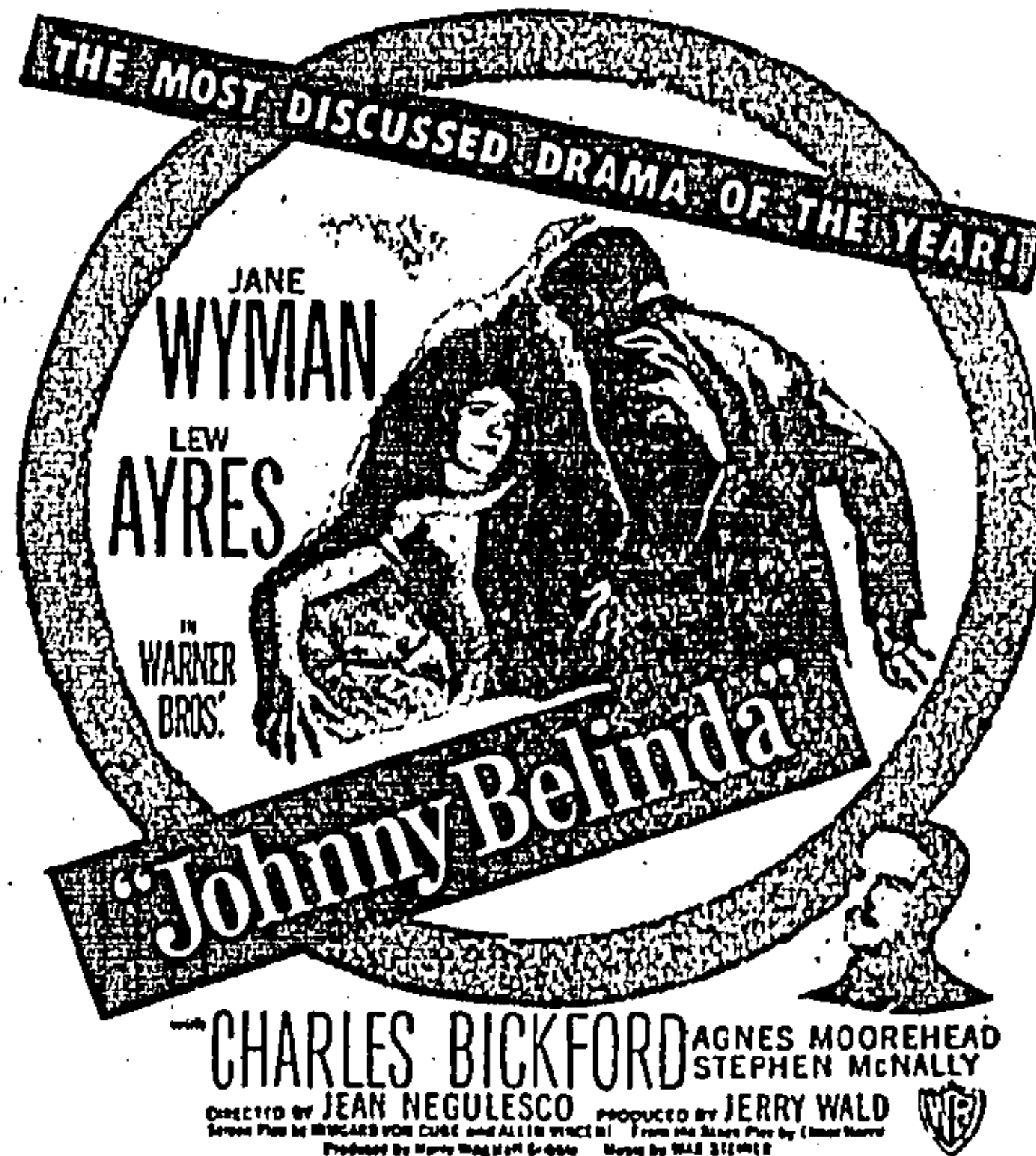
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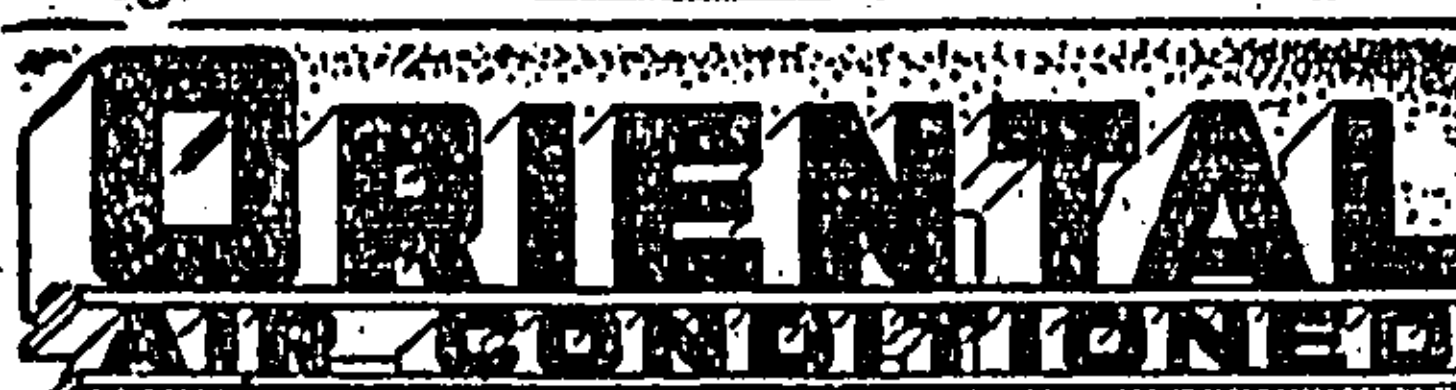
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said the Sweep,
"if that don't take the
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"What do?"

"Why, cor stone me sideways.
After all this ere fuss about
Russian flannel crab they're
a-join to ship the whole perishin'
lot off to America."

"Cor stone me sideways, too."

"According to the papers," said
the Sweep, "this ere crab is
wanted on the menus of the
luxury hotels in New York. Cor
strides a light, you'd a-thought
they ad enough on their plates
already."

"You would an all."

"No wonder they ad the Minis-
try of Food police guardin' it."

"No wonder."

"If it ad been for us I suppose
the black market boys could ave
taken their pick first."

"Quite likely."

"But when it comes to scrapin'
up a few dollars it's a different
matter."

"Too true."

"Still, it's nice to know Ameri-
can millionaires ain't goin' short
of nothink."

"Very nice."

"I dressey you 'git tired of
steaks and pork chops after a
time."

"I dressey 'you do."

"Nothink like a bit of crab to
flickle up your appetite."

"Nothink."

"Unless it's a Dover sole. I
see they're flyin' them over to
New York now in case the mil-
lionaires git a bit peckish. Cor
sufferin' archbishops. They'll be
avin' our snook next."

"They will an all."

"And welcome."

"Not ar'."

"Though them there little old
millionaires are too smart to
ave nothink but the best. You
wouldn't ad bolly worshippers
eatin' snook."

"You certainly wouldn't."

"All the same, what are you
a-grumblin' at?"

"I abit a-grumblin'."

"I abit a-grumblin' are comin' off
the ration in April and then you
can bot yourself go."

"That's right."

"And buy yourself a bag of
bull's eyes or a packet of nutty
crunch."

"Thanks."

"Cor crilkey, what with them
and a three apenny stale egg for
your breakfast, you'll be avin'
nearly ar' as many calories as a
German miner. The skin off
your nose."

"The skin off your nose."

Saint Cripps

AS your Uncle Nat, like
everybody else, will have
to face the next Budget with-
out a shilling, he has gone into
strict training to withstand fur-
ther shocks now being pre-
pared for a long-suffering
people by misery-maker-in-
chief Sir Stafford Cripps.If Saint Cripps, working far
into the night, nourished bysips of hot cocoa and mouthfuls
of processed-cheese sandwiches,
puts another penny on the
price of intoxicants or tobacco,
or fails to devise any form of
income-tax relief, then the fol-
lowing will be the pattern of
your Uncle Nat's life, austerely
world without end.

Cripps night No. 1

CRIPPS evening No. 1 isn't so
bad, because in the initial
stages of self-denial there is
always the glow of virtue in
sustaining the weak and sinful
flesh.In such brief, exalted
moments one can think with
pity of the poor drink slaves in
the taverns and clubs, talking
nonsense to each other and
wasting money, which, if hand-
ed over to Saint Cripps in the
form of savings, might buy a
lot of airplanes which somebody
could build for a few millions,
and somebody else could throw
away for nothing.Or, to think of it in another
way, instead of giving them-
selves expensive, morning-after-
the-night-before, headaches
these pitiful drug addicts (isn't
alcohol a habit-forming drug?)
could buy, through the Minis-
try of Health, a million bottles
of aspirin for a million Mrs.
Smiths or Mrs. Browns who
fancy they have headaches, but
who could be cured by a little
healthy exercise.If only these misguided crea-
tures could be persuaded to
live the Cripps way (now the
Gubbins way) and find their
amusement in simple, inexpen-
sive pleasures.What simple, inexpensive
pleasures?As your Uncle Nat regards the
unrestricted use of the radio as
the greatest curse ever inflicted
on man, he has never bought a
radio, though he has occasion-
ally hired one as a conces-
sion to family tastes.On this particular night the
hired radio has been taken
away to have its inside cured
of frying noises. So your Uncle
can't listen to the radio,
thank heaven.Books? Yes, there are plenty
of books, but most of them have
been read, and in any case
your Uncle feels in a restless
mood this first Cripps evening.He can't help worrying about
his poor, weak-minded friends
wasting their substance (or
rather, Cripps's substance) and
ruining their health in what
they believe to be the friendly,
harmless atmosphere of the
tavern.Won't the poor deluded crea-
tures ever see the light? The
cocoa - and - cheese - sandwich-
third-programme light?Cards? Your Uncle hasn't
enough intelligence to play
cards, though he has enough to
avoid gambling. He would
rather spend his money than
lose it.... If Cripps would let
him have his money.Nobody would play draughts
or dominoes with him even if
he had any draughts and
dominoes. So he is driven to
playing with his friend Lottie,
the devil cat.A reader once sent Lottie a
grey cloth mouse so life-like
that even some of her hard-
bitten, flat-eared friends mis-
take it for a real mouse.Tied to the end of a piece of
string, with your Uncle at
the other end running up and
down the stairs, in and out of
the dining room and lounge,
this causes Lottie infinite
amusement, though it is not
popular with other members
of the family trying to read.Anyway, Saint Cripps will be
pleased to hear that it cost
nothing.... at least no more
than a couple of smashed cups
and a broken tea-pot.

Cripps night No. 2

THE hired radio is back from
hospital, curse it.It still matters French to it-
self through all programmes
and still blows loud raspberries
during, and at the end of, all
performances, like a robust
critic of the old school.The first item switched on,
causing the maximum misery to
all listeners, including Lottie,
is the Grimethorpe Colliery
Band playing 'I Pagliacci' and
Procession of Bacchus.Not a very tactful choice to
offer an unhappy clown on the
austerity wagon.Later a play is tried out.
The first half-hour is amusing.
But after that your Uncle gets
the fidgets.He begins to wonder what
those unhappy misguided drug
addicts in the taverns are say-
ing. He knows what they are
doing.After an hour the audience
at The Sea Nest begin to say
shush to each other or scowl
if somebody coughs. One of
them, your Uncle, is getting
hungry, too.It is like sitting in a theatre
with no interval and no dinner
listening to invisible actorsplaying in a drama which has
lost all meaning.Lottie, who wants to play
with her mouse, howls like a
 banshee throughout the last 20
minutes.Well, thanks, Crippsy, for a
lovely evening.

Cripps night No. 3

THIS is bookworm evening.
Locked in a room out of
range of the radio and Lottie
and her mouse, your Uncle
spends some delightful hours
with a book called "Lark Rise
to Candleford" by Flora
Thompson.The book has two special
interests for him.First, it should be read by
all professional writers. It will
instruct even the best of them
in the art of telling a straight-
forward story in simple, un-
affected English.Second, it describes late nine-
teenth-century life in Oxford-
shire and the Northamptonshire
border, where your Uncle's
father, grandfather, and any number
of greater grandfathers were born.
Although the book mentions
only one Gubbins, "a crabbed
old woman in lilac sunbonnet
and shawl who delivered the
letters," and was probably as
sour-faced and sharp-tongued as
the rest of the tribe, it brought
back to this Gubbins tale he
had heard of his Uncle John
who kept the Rose and Crown
at Chipping Warden.According to the tales, this
Uncle John Gubbins "fancied
himself as a boxer, despite all
evidence to the contrary."Every time there was a fair
at Banbury he would drive
there in his pony and trap
and be the first to throw down
his money to challenge the
hired professional.Although Uncle John got the
most terrible batterings, he re-
fused to give up while he
could stand, and kept on going
back for more till he was
middle-aged and the young
professionals refused to hit
him.After each hiding he would
drive back to Chipping Warden
and lock himself up in the
Rose and Crown, where he
would remain for days alone,
consoling himself with a glass
or two of you know what.Therefore more shame to his
nanny-pamby nephew, sitting
at home meekly drinking tea,
completely defeated by a milk-
and - water - cocoa-and-cheese-
sandwich-man.

Cripps night No. 4

UNCLE JOHN GUBBINS has
won.Saint Cripps for Merrie
England has lost.This evening Uncle John's
nephew is back in the low
tavern drinking a silent toast
to his memory.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY

Who, Me?

A Greek Wife
Moves In

By WARREN SMITH

THE boat train carrying
fifty Greek-born wives
to London is late. At the
platform barrier an im-
patient crowd stands wait-
ing. The ex-soldier hus-
bands have a worried, far-
away look in their eyes and
are easy to pick out.With them are friends and
parents—mothers waiting for
that first look at their daughter-
in-law and trying not to look
anxious, fathers cracking jokes.
"Don't get impatient, son.
You'll soon find that when
you're by yourself you have
money to jingle in your pockets,
and when you're with your
wife it's always 'Brother, can
you spare a dime?'" But no-
body takes any notice of father.
Standing well to the fore is a
tall elderly man with a bowler
hat and a large blue paper
rossette in his button-hole, talk-
ing no chances of being missed.

SUDDENLY A SHOUT

THE train steams in at last and
the crowd creep slowly
down the platform searching the
compartments. Suddenly there
is a shout and then a whole riot
of noise as the wives spot their
husbands. Tensed-up emotions
melt. There are tears, hugs,
kisses, laughter, children's
screams, confusion. An old
cockney porter finds a baby
dumped into his hands; a
mother-in-law wildly waving a
photograph sees her new daugh-
ter. Neither can speak a word
of each other's language but
they laugh and point at the
photograph and argue about
carrying the baggage.In the middle of it all is an
excited brown-eyed girl. A
few months ago she was Diana
Manta, daughter of an Athens
bank clerk. Now she is Mrs.
Diana Bailey, wife of motor
mechanic Ronald Bailey, of
Sherborne, Dorset, an ex-IASC
sergeant, who served in Ger-
many and Greece. Mrs. Bailey
is so happy at seeing her hus-
band again that when I go to
talk to her she thrusts an orange
into my hand "because I want
to thank someone."Mrs. Bailey, standing there ex-
citedly, has no doubt that she
will settle down. "I love my
husband very much and want to
make him happy," she says, and
she says it so simply and
with such feeling that you don't
doubt that she will be happy.
Mr. Bailey collects the luggage,
Mrs. Bailey says goodbye to
friends and they disappear up
the platform for Sherborne and
their new life.

IN DORSET

WHAT happened to excited
Mrs. Bailey, who left
the life of Athens for the
peaceful little farming town
of Sherborne, Dorset?I called on her five weeks later,
and the answer was that she
was doing fine. Her English had
rapidly improved, and had with
the aid of "Mum" mastered the
ration book and had a keen
sense of the value of English
money—"we bought cucumbers
last week costing seven shillings
but I suppose you would prefer
seven pints." She reckons her
cost of living as the wife of a
civilian in England is higher than
that of an Army wife in Greece,
but the standard is better than
that available to her own family
in Greece. She has quickly
made friends—her best friend is
the daughter of the owner of her
husband's regular "local"—and
already is in love with the Dor-
set countryside. She admits she
misses the sun of Greece, thinks
the English worry over things
more than the Greeks, writes
two letters a week home, and
saves a pound a week for the
holiday the Baileys plan in
Greece.Mrs. Bailey has
settled down just as well in
Timbuctoo.But the Baileys have a prob-
lem. They have no home, and
live at the moment with Mr.
Bailey's parents. The parents
are very kind and understand-
ing but it is not the same as
having their own home. For
many months now Mr. Bailey
has had his name down for a
house but thinks the chance of
getting one is very small.Worried, he says: "If I can't get
a place after a while, I am go-
ing to try to get a job in Greece
and settle there."Not all mothers-in-law are
willing and happy to have the
new daughter in their home.
Some refuse to help and even
blame the Army for allowing
the marriage. In a few casesthe initial enquiry about accom-
modation is the first news the
parents receive that their son
is married.But the Baileys, if unfor-
tunate about a house, are lucky
in having a common language
in which they can communicate
and share others' thoughts and
feelings, for without a common
language foreign marriages may
soon run the risk of breaking
up once the first "glow" is over.
Says a SSAFA official: "A
soldier who marries a foreign
girl and can't speak and share
his thoughts with her properly
is taking on a risky experiment.
Nor is it altogether fair on the
girl, for living in a strange
country she is bound to rely on
her husband too much and is
liable in the process to subjugate
entirely her own personality to
her husband's." She quoted the
case of a girl from the Ukraine
who got so lonely for someone
to talk to in her own language
that her husband appealed to
SSAFA to find a suitable com-
panion for her.But language is no problem
if there is sufficient will to get
over the difficulty. Take the
case of a London gunner and a
Norwegian girl. We'll call
them Bill and Anna. Bill is
likeable Cockney with all the
tough independence of a Lon-
doner who has lived in the
tenements all his life. He lives
in two small rooms at the top
of an ugly grey building right
in the centre of a badly blitzed
London area. Anna comes
from a small Norwegian town,
set around by beautiful country.
They met in Norway, fell in
love, decided to get married.
Both spoke only a few words
of each other's language. Bill
tried to give her a picture of
the life and the place she was
coming to. When she arrived
and saw her home she burst
out crying. But she had no
time to get worried. Bill went
to work and she had to get
straight down to the job of
being a British housewife.
With the help of neighbours
and friends she soon mastered
things, and in a short while she
was introducing small touches
of Norway into her home and
in the meals she cooked.

CLOSER TOGETHER

IN her spare time she studied
English hard and in the after-
noons explored London. In
the evenings, alone and her
husband got together and with
a well-thumbed dictionary and
patience and understanding told
each other their stories of the
day. In a few months Anna
was speaking and understand-
ing enough to say most of the
things they wanted to say. In
the sharing of their common
problem they have been brought
closer together, probably, than
the average couple.It's too soon to say how the
thousands of "mixed" marriages
by British soldiers are going to
work out. The soldier who,
over-susceptible to a friendly
atmosphere abroad, goes into
marriage in a sort of romantic
mistake, taking on a risky pro-
position indeed. It is perhaps
not a bad thing that the
business of marrying a foreigner
is tied up heavily in red tape;
at least that gives a man a
chance to sort his ideas out.
He must have no illusions about
the present difficulties of find-
ing and settling up a home; he
must be prepared to exercise a
vast amount of tact, patience
and understanding; and he had
better get cracking and learn
the girl's language.

ODD FACTS

A CHICAGO landlord pro-
tested in court that a
tenant refused to pay her rent
unless he married her.A bartender at a night club
in New York City recently
received as a tip from one of
his regular customers a two-
door Cadillac cabriolet.When the English author of
a newly published book was
asked by his American
publisher what he would like
as a present, he said a gallon of
chocolate ice cream, which was
put on a plane and delivered
to him.When a home owner in
Danville, Illinois, refused to
move his house from the path
of a new highway, the county
authorities sawed it in half.

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Mahjong Murder Trial Defence Opens

"DEAD MAN WAS THE AGGRESSOR" CLAIM

In his opening address to the jury in the Pottinger Street Murder trial, Mr Percy Chen (Counsel for accused) said this morning that he was going to rely on statements of witnesses made at the time of the incident that there was a fight between accused and deceased.

He would also submit that the deceased was the aggressor, inasmuch as that he had lost a large sum of money at mahjong that night, and that being dissatisfied with the circumstances, he was ready to pick a quarrel with anyone.

Accused in the trial is Ngai Pak-chuen, 26, salesman, of the Wah On Stationery and Printing Store, Pottinger Street, who is accused of the murder of Lo Kin, his 26-year-old cousin and co-tenant on September 29 last.

The trial is being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and a jury of five men and two women at the Criminal Sessions.

Appearing for the Crown is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. T. Cashman. Mr Chen is for the accused, instructed by Mr A. S. K. Lau.

When the trial resumed this morning, Mr Chen said that accused would not give any evidence, and that he would conduct the case on accused's behalf.

Defence Counsel, addressing the jury, said that the accused was the son of the owner of the shop at 20, Pottinger Street, Ngai Kwok-leung.

Mr Chen was called as a witness for the prosecution in the lower Court, but was not tendered for cross-examination by the Crown in the present proceedings, so he would be called as a witness for the defence.

Mr Chen said that accused's father would say that the accused was quiet and rather reticent, and was considered to be not as bright as the rest of the family.

Counsel said he would also call the younger brother of accused, Robert Ngai Pak-wai, who was also a prosecution witness.

These two witnesses, the father and brother of accused, would both say they were members of a respectable family in fairly well-to-do circumstances, Mr Chen continued. Another witness he would call was Father Ngai, a Roman Catholic priest, who would say that accused left Wah Yan College at the age of 17, having only then reached class 7. He would say that accused was always very obedient and particularly quiet and reticent.

FIGHT ALLEGED

Referring to the alleged incident, Mr Chen said: "The Prosecution relies on the fact that there were no signs of a fight, and on the fact that there must have been some interval 'cooling off' period between the quarrel and the fight, if it did take place. The defence is going to rely on the statements of prosecution witnesses made at the time of the incident, in which all and every one of the witnesses had said that there was a fight."

"The prosecution would also suggest to you that accused was the aggressor. For the defence I put it before you now that it was the deceased who had lost a sum of money that night equivalent to half his monthly pay, that the deceased was the one who was in a state of mind, shall we say, of dissatisfaction with the circumstances," said Mr Chen.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"She says she's got a terrible sunburn and it's too hot—I didn't think she'd get so lonesome first time she's been away in 42 years!"

Expectant Mothers Jump From Blazing Hospital

Effingham, (Illinois), Apr. 5.—Two women in labour escaped from the blazing hospital here early today in which nearly 60 people, including about 20 children, were feared to have lost their lives.

Both expectant mothers—one of whom jumped from a second-floor window—gave birth to babies immediately afterwards, and all four were reported doing well.

Eighteen inmates, including eight babies, were killed leaping from the windows of the four-story St. Anthony's Hospital, which was destroyed in less than an hour.

Many others were badly injured. Trapped victims screamed for help as flames from six nearby buildings balled to engulf them and relatives searched frantically for their kinsfolk in the intense heat.

Firemen found the bodies of 11 babies still in their flame-blackened metal cribs in the charred wreckage of the second floor.—The uncounted bodies of patients from upper floors were strewn about the nursery and under windows.

The Catholic nuns in charge of the hospital set up a first-aid station in a garage. Dr George Wood, a staff physician, put the number of dead at 50 to 55, but an accurate figure could not be given as the hospital records were lost. Police records showed that 55 people escaped.

The hospital chaplain, Father Sandon, was reported to have died. Two nuns and a nurse were missing.

The blaze was thought to have started in a coal chute with the flames flashing up a lift shaft and enveloping the whole building. The hospital is in the residential section of Effingham, a town of 8,000 population, 200 miles south of Chicago.—Reuter.

Missing Bank Manager Arrested

Daytona Beach (Florida), Apr. 5.—Richard Henderson Crowe, 40-year-old assistant branch manager of the National City Bank of New York, who is alleged to have disappeared on March 27 with \$884,669 of his bank's funds, was arrested here today.

Agents of the FBI followed Crowe into a dimly-lit bar at this Atlantic beach resort last night and held him under arrest. They moved so quietly that patrons of the tavern went on drinking unaware of the drama being acted.

Crowe surrendered quietly, but he was in a more aggressive frame of mind by this morning. While being escorted to a car by the Federal authorities, he lunged at a cameraman and partly smashed his camera.

He told police officers that he spent his time as a fugitive here, lounging on the sunny beach and visiting numerous bars. The FBI said it had recovered \$54,798 of the lost in a suitcase in the apartment house in which he was hiding under the name of Richard Karr. Another \$30,505 had been recovered previously.—United Press.

"Dead" Baby Rescued From Sewer

Pittsburgh, April 5.—A newborn baby, thrown down a sewer by its mother, who thought it was "dead", cried lustily in a Shadyside Hospital after its rescue by two policemen today. The child was in "perfect" condition despite the fact that its early hours of life were spent in a clogged sewer.

The police found the 18-year-old mother in a park shelter, where she had walked after giving birth to the seven-pound ten-ounce baby, unattended. Taken to hospital, she said she thought the baby was dead because it "didn't cry".

The officers returned to the station after they had prised the grating off the sewer and reached down for the child, who was wrapped in a pillow-slip. It began crying as Patrolman Peter Settle cradled it in his arms. It was placed in the hospital incubator.

The mother will be charged with abandonment.—United Press.

Expelled From Hungary



In a hotel room in Vienna, Lt-Col. John P. Merrill (right), points to photostatic copy of a receipt for garage bill which the Hungarian government says he refused to pay and for which reason he was expelled from the country. With him is Lt-Col. Peter Kopesak (left), who also was expelled from Hungary. Both were assistant military attaches of the U.S. Legation at Budapest. Hungary also accused the two U.S. Army men of spying and "brutal abuse of diplomatic privileges."—AP Picture.

ISRAELI-SYRIAN ARMISTICE TALKS OPENED

No Man's Land Meeting

No Man's Land, Israeli-Syrian Border, Apr. 5.—Israeli and Syrian delegates held a three-hour meeting in the No Man's Land between their frontiers in Northern Palestine today to open negotiations for a fourth Jewish-Arab armistice.

Torrential rain was falling when the representatives assembled in a tent for the conference, under the Presidency of M. Henri Vizier, personal representative of the Acting Palestine Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche.

The Israeli delegates objected to the credentials presented by the Syrians, which were signed by Syria's new head of State, Colonel Husni Zaim, who endorsed them as Chief of Staff of the Army.

The Israelis said that the talks were to be held between governments and not between armies, but the Syrians explained that a new government had not been formed in Damascus after last week's coup d'etat.

The Israelis then agreed to continue the talks, but stated that this did not imply recognition by Israel of the new Syrian regime.

Draft Plan For Germany

Experts Get Down To Work

Washington, Apr. 5.—A British official today said that the German experts, Mr Patrick Dean and Mr Christopher Sterle, started work yesterday on a draft plan for setting up a Western German government, with a definition of its responsibilities and those of the occupation authorities.

The experts continued work today and Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Dean Acheson, US Secretary of State, will review it tomorrow.

The official said that Mr Bevin, the French Foreign Minister, had an intention of reaching clear-cut agreements here on German problems, but they hoped to be able to agree on the main outlines of the problem.

Mr Bevin has seized every opportunity to discuss European, especially German, problems with the other Foreign Ministers.

Thus, during the Presidential reception last night, he and other Foreign Ministers, including the Scandinavian and Belgian representatives, got together to talk.

Mr Bevin has decided to go to the United Nations Assembly on the advice of the Embassy. This constitutes an added strain because of two extra journeys, but so far he has stood up remarkably well, according to British sources.

He may exchange views with Mr Acheson on other problems, including the Communist menace in Southeast Asia, but the British official said there would not be sufficient time to hammer out combined policy.—United Press.

The announcement said the Frontier Areas Ministry is unchanged with Mr In Ba Saling continuing as Karen Affairs Minister.—Associated Press.

US Senate Committee Considers Atlantic Pact

Washington, Apr. 5.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the North Atlantic alliance in a 90-minute closed session today.

Senator Tom Connally (Democrat, Texas), the Chairman, declined to predict when the Treaty would come before the Senate for ratification.

President Truman is expected to send the Treaty to the Senate very soon.

But there may be some delay to enable him simultaneously to present Congress with his proposals for a foreign military assistance programme to implement its purposes.

The Treaty will not come into operation until it has been ratified by the United States, Britain, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Ratification by the United States will require a two-thirds majority vote in the Senate.

The Truman Administration is anxious for speedy action but the Senate is far behind schedule in its consideration of social reform "Fair Deal" legislation.

OPPOSITION EXPECTED

Action by the House of Representatives is not necessary for ratification, but the House will have to approve the Bill authorising funds for the provision of military supplies to the North Atlantic and other Powers.

More Congressional opposition is anticipated to this "bill" than to the formal ratification of the Treaty.

As soon as the Treaty comes into effect, the North Atlantic Powers will set up a Council of member States with a Military Staff Committee to co-ordinate the defence plans and resources.

The representatives of the Brussels Pact Powers lost no time yesterday and met with the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, a few minutes after the formal signature of the Treaty.

Presumably they discussed the integration of the Western Union defence system into the North Atlantic defence system.—Reuter.

Douglas May Lose Sight Of One Eye

Fishing Accident

London, Apr. 5.—An American Embassy spokesman said here tonight that there were fears that the American Ambassador, Mr Lewis Douglas, might lose the sight of one eye as the result of a fishing accident in which a fly hook caught in his eye.

Mr Douglas was fishing in the river Test, near Andover, Hampshire, one of the most beautiful rivers in England and a famous trout stream.

He was the weekend guest of the exclusive Houghton Fishing Club.

After the accident he was immediately rushed to hospital in Southampton and the eye was operated on yesterday. His engagements were cancelled for a week.

His condition this afternoon was said to be "as good as can be expected."

Mr Douglas is being attended by Mr Maurice Whiting, one of Britain's leading eye surgeons.—Reuter.

TWO APPEALS REJECTED

London, Apr. 5.—The appeal of Harry Lewis against the sentence of death for the murder of Harry Saul Michaelson, cartoonist and variety artist, in a London flat was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal today.

Lewis entered the flat as a burglar and struck Michaelson with a steel chair as Michaelson was getting out of bed.

The London Court of Criminal Appeal dismissed an appeal by Malcolm Frederick Roach, 34-year-old Canadian, living at Leyton, Essex, against his conviction of the murder of his 25-year-old wife, Rose Louise. Roach had been sentenced to death.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.15 P.M. Programme Summary: 9.01, Light Variety, 9.30, Songs by Paul Robeson, 10.00, "Hundred Roundabout" Variety Request Programme presented by Jean Halliday. (Studio); 10.15, News and News Analysis (London Relay); 10.30, "See You" Talks on Sport. (Studio); 10.35, London Studio Melodies—Mantovani and His Orchestra. (BBC); 10.40, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 10.45, Theatre Orchestra Concert conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. (BBC); 10.50, "Anthology" presented by Clifford Davies. (Relay); 11.00, Dance to Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadian. (Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

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U.S. TO TAKE CENSUS **DISASTROUS FIRE**

Washington, Apr. 5.—The Census Bureau expects to find about 150,000,000 persons residing in the United States when it makes a population count next year.

Mr J. C. Capt, director of the Census Bureau, made the estimate before the House Appropriations sub-Committee today.

The last census, in 1940, showed 131,690,275 persons residing in the USA. The ten-year population increase, if the prediction is borne out, will be about 10,000,000.—United Press.

Blood Transfusions Save Child

Paris, Apr. 5.—Ten-year old Nicole Beltry was sitting up and playing in her hospital bed today after 43 people from her village had travelled 124 miles to Strasbourg to give her about eight pints of blood.

Nicole is suffering from leukaemia, a chronic blood disease, which necessitated a blood transfusion.—Reuter.

Between 6.30 and 7 o'clock a vast area was enveloped in flames which carried all before them. Altogether 10 deliveries and four motor pumps were used to quell the conflagration.

Some of the folk set about breaking down their structures and carried the wooden planks to a place of safety while in the Hongkong Shipyard compound there was much activity in removing wood.

By 8 o'clock the outbreak was brought under control.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS By "SIDELINER"

UPSET IN JUNIOR SINGLES FINAL

M.T. Yeow Wins In Straight Sets

M. T. Yeow, Varsity left-hander, proved himself the best of the junior players last evening at the Kowloon Cricket Club when he overcame the favourite, D. C. Lau, of the YMCA, in straight sets in the Junior Men's Singles Championship Final—15-3, 15-9.

On his form last night Yeow thoroughly deserved his win. Time after time he made returns which would not have done shame to a senior player, and often he turned a losing shot into a winning one by his unexpected returns of almost impossible shots from the baseline which caught Lau flat-footed.

Lau appeared to be off his game last evening and seemed to be troubled by the court, his confidence seemed to be shaken and throughout most of the game he was on the defensive. He played most of his shots to Yeow's backhand, alternating lobs with short drops which often won points, but Yeow was equal to the situation and gradually obtained control of the game.

The opening game found Yeow taking an early lead of 4-0, with two fine smashing. Lau began hitting low across the net and his returns went beyond the baseline. He trailed 1-6 and then managed to win two points to bring the score to 3-6.

From this point onwards in the first stanza, Yeow took command of the game and although many a long rally ensued, Yeow proved equal to the occasion and through fine recoveries and smashes, which caught Lau off guard, he rattled off the remaining points for the first game to win 15-3.

The second game saw Yeow lead 2-0 when Lau renewed his attack on Yeow's backhand, forcing him to mishit and putting up "sitters" for Lau to kill. Yeow began to rally and, coupled with some fine retrieving from the baseline which seemed to dishearten Lau, he brought the score to 9-0.

At this stage of the game several doubtful points were given against Lau, who apparently became discouraged and never again regained his touch, losing set and match to Yeow at 15-3, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

The match between Miss Myrtle Silva and Miss Margaret Xavier (of Recreio) against Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. L. Tamworth (of K.C.C.) was the most thrilling and best game of the evening for speed and variety of strokes.

It was one of the fastest Ladies' matches yet seen in the Colony and the K.C.C. combination did extremely well to take the highly-fancied Recreio pair to three sets.

With a little luck on their side last night they might well have been the first post-war Colony Ladies' Doubles Champions. They led 10-6 in the deciding game and then trailed 14-13 at which stage they had two serves to decide the game but frittered away their chances with two faults.

The game started off at a fast pace which was maintained throughout the entire match. There was no let-up for a single moment and the bustling tactics of Mrs. Stokes & Mrs. Tamworth deservedly won them the second game.

The third and deciding game found the K.C.C. combination continuing their fast attack and leading 10-6 before Miss Silva and Miss Xavier steadied their game and drew level. The score was again levelled at 12-12 but, with several costly errors by Mrs. Tamworth and a netted return by Mrs. Stokes, Miss Myrtle Silva and Miss Margaret Xavier became the Colony Ladies' Doubles Champions, taking the match at 15-7, 10-15, 15-13.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

The Senior Mixed Doubles final—Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro v. Patrick Wong & Miss H. P. C. Wong—was not particularly exciting.

Errors were many while the rallies were few and far between. After a split Tay appeared to lose his confidence and made no attempts to reach several passing shots made by Wong.

However, Miss Ribeiro played a grand game at net and made up for her faults with her services. Miss Lam also played well and with Tay and Miss Ribeiro concentrating their attack on her, she did as well as any one could under the circumstances.

Patrick Wong was brilliant for a time in the opening stages with his fine baseline smashes but towards the end of the

match he went off his game to a great extent. Tay and Miss Ribeiro won 15-12, 15-8.

THE RESULTS

The full results were:
Junior Men's Singles (Finals)
M. T. Yeow beat D. C. Lau 15-3, 15-9.
Ladies' Doubles (Finals)
Miss M. Silva and Miss M. Xavier beat Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. L. Tamworth 15-7, 10-15, 15-13.
Senior Mixed Doubles (Finals)
R. Tay and Miss M. Ribeiro beat

P. H. Wong and Miss H. P. Lam 15-12, 15-8.

TONIGHT'S FINALS

The following is the full programme of matches to be played at the K.C.C. to-night, starting at 8 p.m.:
(Ladies' Singles) Miss U. Khoo v. Miss M. Xavier or Miss M. Ribeiro.
(Junior Men's Doubles) D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung v. D. C. Lau and W. C. Chung.
(Senior Men's Singles) R. Tay v. C. K. Lee.

Danes Could Beat The Malaysians

Copenhagen, Apr. 5.—The all-conquering Malaysian badminton team, holders of the Thomas Cup, can be beaten by Denmark if the Danes play the right sort of game in their match starting here on April 11, according to Mr. Ken Davidson, trainer-manager to the American Thomas Cup team.

In a letter to a Danish friend, Mr. Davidson, a Scottish badminton champion and Yorkshire cricketer, wrote: "You can beat the Malaysians if you play right. Do not try to win too early and do not take any chances. Use clears and drops and keep the shuttle in play."

Although the Danish team has not been selected, the probabilities have been settled down to a strict training routine and are determined to average their 8-1 defeat by the Malaysians in the final of the Thomas Cup at Preston.

The Malaysians will also take part in the international tournament which is to be played here during Easter.

Danish fans are eagerly waiting to see Chan Kung-leong in action with Tony Ahn, holder of the Danish women's singles title, whom he is expected to partner in the mixed doubles.

Feature of the mixed doubles may be the appearance of Dr. Dave Freeman, All-England champion and American No. 1 player who has not been defeated in a singles match for ten years. He has ended stating that he wants to appear in the doubles with his wife.

This caused some surprise among Danish badminton

players, who were unaware that Mrs. Freeman was in tournament class.—Reuter.

Hockey Association Meeting

A meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. at the South China Morning Post Board Room.

Main item on the agenda will be the draw for the International and Quadrangular Tournaments.

Eight national teams are entered in the former while the latter is a tournament between Army, Royal Navy, RAF and Civilian.

Representatives of the national teams and all club secretaries are requested to attend the meeting.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures are as follows:
Friday
YMCA v. Civil Service King's Park (Y.M.C.A.) 8.30 p.m.
Empire, Yeo Siga Gater, P. O. Marsh.

Saturday
Navy v. University King's Park (N.U.C.I.) 10.45 p.m.
Empire, A. M. Silva, B. S. M. Wilson.
Club de Recreio v. Dutch H.C. King's Park 10 a.m.
Empire, J. S. Grewal, J. H. Blinke.

Sunday
RAF v. H.K. Police King's Park 10 a.m.
Empire, P. F. Xavier, S. B. P. O. Yeomans.
YMCA v. Cable and Wireless King's Park (Y.M.C.A.) 10 a.m.
Empire, E. H. A. Miller, Mr. Duce, R. N.

Army v. Khalsa (to be arranged later).
All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (3001 Ext. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secrecies are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify result as soon as possible after the match.

HOW THEY STAND

The following are the latest standings:
F. W. D. L. F. A. P. S.
Club de Recreio 21 10 2 1 0 9 33
Army 20 14 4 2 6 25 32
Navy 20 14 4 2 6 25 32
Khalsa 20 12 4 4 1 10 28
H.K. Police 21 9 0 0 7 34 24
RAF 21 9 0 0 7 34 24
Civil Service 20 9 1 10 47 19
Dutch 20 6 3 11 29 45
University 21 7 1 13 39 45 15
Cable & Wireless 20 5 2 13 27 61 12
Dockyard R.C. 22 4 1 1 10 11 27 3
YMCA

HONGKONG v. SAIGON



In Koon-hung, Hongkong Open Singles Champion, and Duong, Saigon's No. 2, who meet again this evening at the HKCC in a match between Saigon and Hongkong to be run on Davis Cup lines.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

LEAGUE CRICKET IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND?

Competitive cricket in the south is a means of developing young players who in time, may stand a chance against highly organised Australia. There is enthusiasm for it among the clubs, but plans in Sussex and Kent are far behind those of Surrey.

First move was by ex-England captain, A. E. R. Gilligan, in Sussex, but he made little progress among the bigger clubs, who were not prepared to commit themselves. They are hesitant because they are Club Cricket Conference members, for whom competitive play is banned.

Ten years ago Cup finalists nearly always spent the week before the match at a spa or by the seaside. Now the clubs put it to the players and, the majority having wives who do not want to be left at home, the answer is "No."

When trips are made the policy now is to return home at least a few days before the big match. Leicester City, for instance, had a few days at Skegness, but returned to Leicester on Wednesday. They were the only semi-finalists to go away.

Arsenal have found that their players benefit from a seaside trip the week after they return. They have almost made a habit of losing their first game immediately after one of those holidays at Brighton which I used to enjoy so much with them.

Bousfield's BEST
Ken Bousfield, of Coombe Hill, returned recently from his American trip. In three months Bousfield travelled over 2,000 miles by a car owned by Jimmy Thomson, one of the longest hitters in the world a decade or so ago. Bousfield played the tournament a week, and rates the Riviera, Los Angeles, Pebble Beach and Cypress Point, all Californian courses as the best he played on.

Bousfield was most impressed by the pitching and putting of the Americans and by their bunker play.
"And how they practise," he said. "No sooner have they finished their round than they are out on the practice ground preparing for the next one." Those who take part in the full circuit play a tournament a week for 48 weeks in the year.

Others who have entered are R. W. Carter, M. Feldman, Arthur Gomes, E. M. Marchetti and Jacob Ramler.
Entries close at 6.30 p.m. tomorrow and may be telephoned through to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Gomes (Tel. 30203) before 4.30 p.m.

Boxer Fined
El Centro, Calif., Apr. 5.—Manuel Ortiz, the world's bantamweight champion, was today fined \$100 after he was found guilty of disturbing the peace and carrying a concealed revolver.
The boxer was arrested on Friday, and was forced to spend the week-end in jail.—United Press.

Rinty Monaghan Retains World Flyweight Title

Belfast, Apr. 5.—Rinty Monaghan, of Belfast, retained his world flyweight title here tonight and at the same time won the European crown from Maurice Sandeyron, of France, when he out-pointed the Frenchman over 15 rounds.

Monaghan now holds four titles, for he is also the British and British Empire champion.
The Irishman owed his victory to a brilliant display of left hand hitting, which amazed even his own supporters.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

NBA Lists Savold As Logical Contender

Washington, Apr. 5.—The National Boxing Association ordered its version of the heavyweight title "officially vacated" for the first time in 21 years today, but named three boxers as logical contenders for the crown that Joe Louis gave up.

The NBA said it would recognise as champion the winner of the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott fight this summer. But in its quarter annual listings it also designated Lee Savold as a logical contender.

Otherwise the only change in the eight weight categories was reinstating Willie Pep as featherweight champion and listing Sandy Saddler as the only logical contender.

LISTINGS

The listings were: Lightweight—Freddie Mills of England as the champion and Gus Lesnevich and Archie Moore as logical contenders.
Welterweight—Ray Robinson, champion. Kid Gavilan of Cuba and Charlie Fusari and Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu, logical contenders.
Lightweight—Willie Williams, champion. Freddie Dawson and Enrique Bolanos, logical contenders.

England XI v. China

The following will represent England against China in the International Soccer Cup final on Sunday—Caton (Club); Hughes (Army); Tozer (Navy); Robinson (Army); Farrow (Club); Reynolds (Navy); West (Army); Simms (Navy); Rafferty (Navy); Kiernan (Club); Marsden (Army).

Reserves.—Tudman (Navy); Riggs (Navy); Ramskill (Army).
Trainer, SMI Easton.
Players are requested to report to Capt. H. J. Chishall in the dressing room by 3.30 p.m.

MANILA INTERPORT
The Manila Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday that the Hongkong-Manila Inter-Port Series will be played at Rizal Stadium, Manila on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, April 17, 18 and 20.

The following Hongkong players will make the trip to Manila, leaving here by plane on April 14, accompanied by Mr. R. M. Omar as Team Manager:
Yu Yul-lak (S. China "A") goal keeper; Hau Yeung-sang (S. China "A") and Tozer (Navy) backs; Chang Kam-hoi (S. China "A"), Leonard (St. Joseph's) and Lau Cheong-sang (S. China "A") half backs; Xavier (St. Joseph's), Chow Man-chi (Kowloon Motor Bus), Rafferty (Navy), Kiernan (Club) and Lee Tai-fai forwards.

Reserves: Anderson (Army); goal keeper; Reck (St. Joseph's) and The Kam-hung (S. China "A") backs; Castilho (St. Joseph's), Craighead (Army) and Rowland (Navy), half backs; See Kam-ho (S. China "A"), Chu Wing-keung (S. China "A"), Kwok Yung-see (KMB) and (Club) and Muller (Club) forwards.

TODAY'S SOCCER
First Division
Navy v. Kwong Wah, Navy, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward.
Linesmen: A. Ribeiro and S. Y. Kwok.
Police v. Army, Boundary, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: A. E. P. Guest; Linesmen: W. Gibson and H. Richardson.

Second Division
W. D. Chinese v. KMB, Army "1", 5.15 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.
Club v. Army-HK Club, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: A. Denson.

Third Division
Newbridge v. Penzance 3, Newport 11.—Reuter.

Home Football
London, Apr. 5.—The results of football games played today were:
Third Division Northern: Barrow 1, Crewe Alexandra 0; Scottish League "A" Rangers 2, Hearts 1.

Rugby Union: Samborne 3, Newbridge 6; Penzance 3, Newport 11.—Reuter.

Bowls Match
There will be a lawn bowls match between the K.C.C. and the Sports Club at K.C.C. on Saturday at 3 p.m. Will all those bowling enthusiasts who signed up the list for the coming season please turn up. Four rinks will be chosen and the remainder will make up rinks with T. A. Mader in charge.

OPEN ATHLETIC MEET
An Athletic Meet open to the Colony will be held at Caroline Hill Stadium on May 19, 20 and 22. It is being sponsored by the South China Athletic Association.

Entries for this meet close on May 6. The programme of events will be announced later.

Footballer Of The Season

By FRANK BUTLER

Footballer of the season is the old-timer, Raich Carter. Manager of the season is the young Mr. Horatio Stratton Carter, of the silver hair and golden football brain.

Ambiguous if you like, but Carter, in spite of his football brilliance, is in the twilight of his playing career at 35. Yet he is on the threshold of a new and exciting career as one of the youngest managers in League football.

The odd set-up is that the man who has doubled the Hull "gates," put them within touching distance of the Second Division, and taken them into the Sixth Round of the Cup with an astounding 2-0 win over Stoke City, on the First Division club's ground, is not allowed more than £12 a week as long as he remains registered as a player.

As manager he must be worth anything between £1,000 and £2,000 a year to the club he has put on the Soccer map. Football League rules restrict him to a maximum wage of under £600, apart from bonuses.

Yet Carter said to me: "If I am wanted as a player next season I shall be at the club's disposal."
Another odd thing about the remarkable Carter is that after 25 years as an inside forward—he began as a ten-year-old inside left for Hendon Schoolboys, Sunderland has started at 35, doing what comes naturally on the left wing, of all places.

BEWILDERED

And by this I mean that against Stoke he allowed his great football brain to carry him wherever he was most dangerous—inside left inside right, centre forward, and sometimes

outside right. The bewildered Stoke defence found five Carters opposing them, taking corner kicks and throw-ins on the right wing.

Carter yesterday explained the reason that prompted him to become a left winger, "at my time of life."

Eddie Burbanks went down with tummy trouble. Raich did not want to upset the balance of the inside forward, Jensen the Dane, and Euclan.

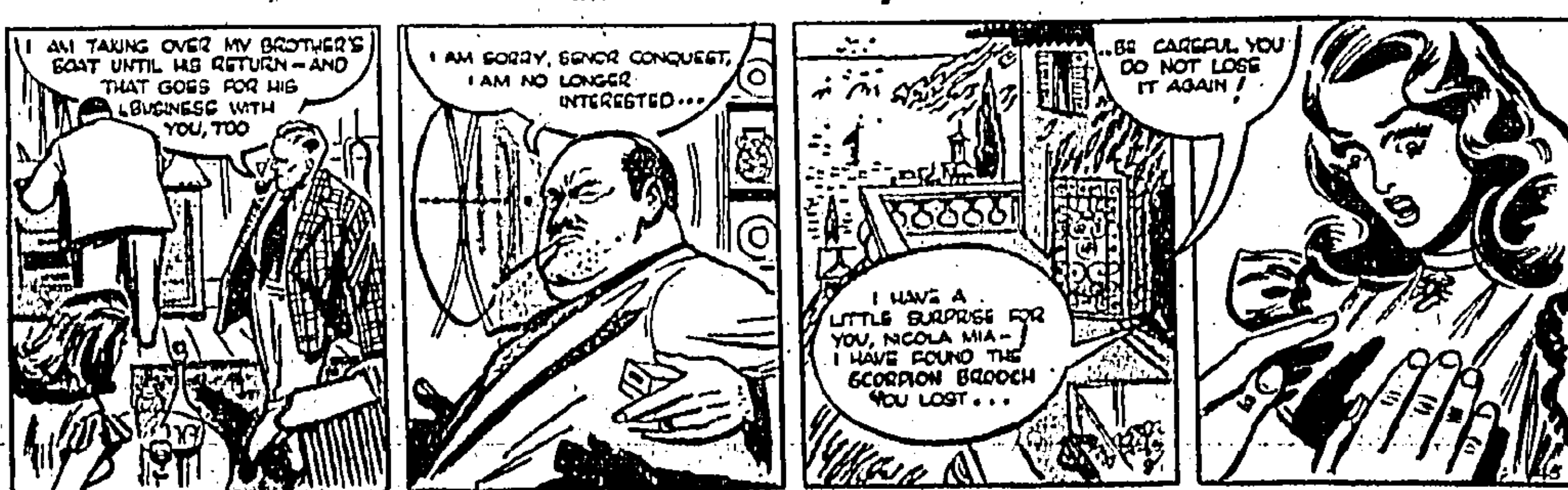
"Although my best football was played at inside right," said Carter, "my left foot is my favourite football foot, so here was a chance of serving Hull on the left wing."

Then Carter told me something that has never been written before. He is what we might term an ambidextrous sportsman. Although he writes left-handed, he uses scissors with his right hand.

He is a left-handed billiards player, plays golf and table tennis right-handed. At cricket he is a right-hand batsman, but bowls with his left.

"I'm a queer mixture," laughs Carter, "so I suppose I can also be termed a two-footed footballer, although I have heard rumours that I have only one foot—and that's my left. But I can use my right foot O.K. We want a home draw to give our loyal fans a break."

Mister Conquest



TINE MEAT TALKS

Won't Be To Ransom" Says Eden

PROMISES GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION SUPPORT

London, Apr. 5.—The deputy leader of the Conservative Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden, today pledged the Conservatives' "full support" to the Government in resisting any attempt to hold Britain to "ransom" in the current Anglo-Argentine meat negotiations at Buenos Aires.

"No country that has any self-respect is ever willing to be held to ransom," he said. Amid the cheers of the House of Commons, Mr. Eden added: "Therefore, the Government will have the full support from this side of the House in resisting such methods if any attempt is made to apply them by any country at any time."

Mr. Eden was opening a debate on Britain's meat position. In the past few weeks, the British fresh meat ration has twice been reduced by 2d. because of a shortfall in supplies from the Argentine. It is now 8d. worth a week for each person—which can be stretched to last a family for two or three meals—plus 2d. worth of corned meat.

(A Reuters cable from Buenos Aires said substantial modification in Argentina's meat price demands to Britain was hoped at by the Independent Buenos Aires newspapers, La Prensa and La Nacion today.)

Quoting diplomatic and commercial circles, both newspapers said that an agreement would probably be reached "in the neighbourhood of two pesos per kilogram."

Mr. Eden said the present British meat and bacon ration was "pitifully inadequate." They were less than 40 pounds a year compared with 110 pounds a year before the war. He asked why such "miserable small quantities" of meat were coming from Eire. Consumers would be willing to pay a small increase to Eire if they could be assured of an increase in the quantity available.

NO MARKET AVAILABLE

There did not appear to be any overseas market from which Britain could expect any substantial increase of meat. It would be a great source of comfort if she could rely for the bulk of her meat supplies, particularly of beef, upon Australia and home production. Asking for a full explanation of the fall in home production, Mr. Eden said no doubt feeding stuffs were available in the world, but the Government seemed not to be buying them as a matter of deliberate policy.

In his reference to Commonwealth supplies, Mr. Eden said he had some sympathy with the Canadians because they were encouraged two years ago to produce more and now Britain had run into the dollar difficulty (which he thought could have been foreseen), and could not take their production.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said that Britain could no longer buy meat from the United States or Canada because she had not sufficient dollars. As for bacon and ham, Britain had an agreement with Canada for 71,000 tons, but she was afraid that a "very substantial shortfall is expected."

Dr. Summerskill said Britain could get as much as she liked in South America if she was prepared to pay dollars or high prices, but she could not afford to do either.

CRITICAL PERIOD

"If, for any reason, Argentine shipments cease after the end of March, we shall lose 240,000 tons. In the meantime, we are faced with a very critical period. Until the home production becomes available in August and September, we shall have to conserve our supplies very carefully."

Dr. Summerskill informed the House that Uruguay had sent much of her meat to the United States and Europe rather than to Britain. Asked what action would be taken when contracts were broken, she replied that having made a contract with a small country Britain had no option but to accept the position.

Mr. Eden had declared that the mass of the British people were worse off than many of their counterparts in Europe. Dr. Summerskill replied that the 1947-48

consumption of meat per head in Britain was 49.7 kilos. In France 44.5, in Belgium 43.9, in Italy 13.7 and in Holland 23.3

CANNOT SUPPLY

During the debate, Mr. Wilfred Roberts, Liberal, asked why it was unlikely that Britain would get all the bacon she expected from Canada? Was it purely a question of the overall shortage of dollars?

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, "Canada cannot supply us with the bacon we are prepared to buy."

Mr. Roberts: "Is that due to more home consumption or is it because they are selling more bacon to the United States as they are selling their increased stocks of beef?"

Mr. Stanley Evans, Labour, said that he would rather the negotiators caught the next plane out of Buenos Aires than negotiate another agreement that was likely to meet the same fate as the Andes Agreement. He thought if Britain ceased buying Argentine meat, Argentine refrigerators would be "bursting within three months with sides of beef" that could not be sold anywhere else.

"We should then know who had won the cold storage war," he said. He added that this was not the sort of attitude which should obtain between old friends.—Reuters.

AUSTRALIAN PLAN

London, Apr. 5.—The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Joseph M. Chifley, will bring to London next month the outline of a vast long-term development plan to step up Britain's meat supplies. The plan visualises great new cattle rearing projects in Australia's undeveloped Northern Territories, involving heavy capital expenditure.

Australia can proceed with such a plan only against a firm guarantee that Britain will take her products over a long period and at an economic price. She wants at least a 10-year contract, and the scheme is expected to stand or fall by Britain's willingness to meet her on this point and on price.

The Australian plan will not solve Britain's present urgent meat problem, caused by Argentina's failure to supply the full 420,000 tons of meat called for in 1948-49 under the Andes Agreement, which expired last month.

Australia, despite the labour shortage and other problems, is trying to increase the present supplies. But it is recognised that on a long-term basis, and in view of her own increasing population, new and ambitious schemes of meat production are needed.—Reuters.

The Flying Wolf Exterminator

Moscow, Apr. 5.—Sergei Gorbunov, the Soviet Union's chief flying wolf exterminator, reported a record bag of 438 shots from his plane. In the last three winters, while flying over the Volga valley, he killed 730 big grey wolves.—United Press.



"Everything will be exactly as you ordered it, sir. I'll give these instructions to the chef personally."

Oil Field Fire



A huge gas fire of unknown origin broke out between two oil wells in the South Houston oil field recently, threatening several residential areas in suburban Houston. Glare and flames could be seen as far as 15 miles. — AP Picture.

TUC Backs British Action In Malaya

London, Apr. 5.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress today rebuffed allegations that trade unionism in Malaya was being suppressed. It suggested that Communists were behind these and other allegations that the presence of British troops in Malaya was "an affront to the people of Malaya in their desire for independence."

The TUC issued a statement giving an informal account of its activities during the last six months. "Attempts are being made in some Communist quarters to inspire resolutions in the Trade Union Movement condemning the alleged suppression of the Trade Union Movement in Malaya," the statement reported.

"We have the judgment of experienced and trusted trade union representatives from this country who are able to give a first-hand knowledge of the trade union situation in Malaya. It is no respect does it (their report) bear out the propaganda now being foisted on the Movement for purely Communist purposes."

(The report of Mr. F. W. Dalley and Mr. S. Abery, Members of Parliament, who examined conditions in Malaya at the request of Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, is due out shortly).

EFFECT OF TROOPS

"On the other hand, the presence of British troops prevented a handful of terrorists (mainly, by the way, recently-arrived Chinese) from capturing the machinery of government and imposing their will on the vast majority of peaceful and industrious citizens."

"Evidence from the production figures last year shows that the terrorists are on infinitesimal minority, and that the great bulk of the people of Malaya want to do nothing more than to carry on peaceful working lives."

"The proof of these peaceful desires of the overwhelming majority of the Malayan population is particularly evident in the figures for rubber and tin, which would, of course, be most affected if the events in Malaya were disturbing the bulk of the population. So far as trade union activities are concerned, 156 trade union organisations with a total membership of over 69,000 were functioning without restraint on December 31, 1948, and continued efforts are being made by the Government to foster the growth of sound trade unionism, and it has been made clear that the emergency measures are not to interfere with bona fide trade union activities"—Reuters.

BRITISH GOODS CRITICISED

Wellington, Apr. 5.—The "poor design" of many British goods sold in New Zealand was discussed at a meeting of architects here today. Dr. J. C. Beagrie, senior Lecturer in History at Victoria University College, said some buyers of British goods for big New Zealand firms still had the mentality of colonial savages. They would fall for "horrors" turned out for colonial savages.—Reuters.

Heavy Fighting In Greece

Athens, Apr. 5.—A new Communist invasion of the Grammos redoubt from Albania has touched off fighting of "unprecedented violence and ferocity," front line reports said on Tuesday night.

A government communique admitted the guerrillas captured four border villages and five mountain heights, but said all the heights were recaptured. Government forces were also driven out of Assimohori, on the border.

The communique listed 150 guerrilla casualties, including 132 killed, up to Monday night, and 247 government casualties, including 87 killed.

The Spring offensive coincided with a guerrilla radio announcement of a new Greek Communist government replacing that of the purged Markos Vafiades. For the first time, a representative of the "Free Macedonian Movement" (NOF) was given a place in the Cabinet.

REBUILDING MORALE

The purpose of the attack apparently is to rebuild Communist morale, shattered by defeats of the past several months and the purging of Markos.

It also may be linked with the movement to set up a separate Macedonia— from parts of Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria—for the first time since its conquest by Christian era.

The Greek general staff said Albanians were joining the guerrillas.

The Army said about 4,000 Greek guerrillas crossed the Albanian border and began the assault last Friday night in the rugged Grammos mountain area and captured important heights 16 miles inside Greece. These were mountains from which they were driven last autumn.—Associated Press.

POCKET CARTOON BY OSBERT LANCASTER



YOU WORK BETTER IF YOU CHEW

Chicago, Apr. 5.—A doctor said today that chewing gum, nibbling candy and sucking pencils were an important part of doing work. Dr. Lee Bartelmeir of Detroit said eating and working were two aspects of a single psychological factor. He added that he found one corporation which reported that its typists were 17 percent more efficient when chewing gum. He reported on his study to the American Psychiatric Association meeting here.

Watching people at work, Dr. Bartelmeir found there was usually some movement of mouth, lips or jaws as in eating when the worker was concentrating. "If the worker encounters difficulty in doing the job, the eating movements become stronger."

Many competent workers said or chew their pencils or pens while carrying out their tasks," he added. "The majority of them smoke."

Here is how he explained these observations: "These discharges of oral impulses which accompany their working efforts suggest the likelihood that their working does not provide sufficient release of tension and they have need for additional discharge of their instinctive childhood oral drives of nursing and biting."—United Press.

CENTRAL THEATRE

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